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SA members try to put a face with tuition increases

By Sara Doty
Statesman Staff Reporter

Two UMD students traveled to the cities last Thursday, to testify in front of the Minnesota House of Representatives Higher Education Committee about the rising cost of tuition.

Student Association (SA) members, senior Chris Brinkman and sophomore Will Kellogg, volunteered to make the trip, and were joined by students from all U of M campuses.

"We (all U of M campuses) are all going in as one voice," Brinkman said. "We are stronger that way."

He added that their presentation wasn't about the numbers, but it was about the students. The committee wanted the personal effect, Brinkman said.

"If they (members of the House) wanted numbers, they could get them," Kellogg said. "We just put a face on the cost of tuition rising. They can read about it, but it doesn't have as much of an impact. I felt they were very appreciative."

Rep. Tom Rukavina, D-Va., is the chair of the Higher Education Committee and a 1972 UMD alumnus.

In their testimony, Kellogg included some statistics that Rukavina could relate too.

He said when the legislator attended UMD he paid about \$14 per credit hour, compared to now when students are paying more than \$250 per credit hour.

Brinkman echoed that saying the average UMD student is about \$25,000 in debt at graduation time.

But both Brinkman and Kellogg were quick to point out that it wasn't all about tuition. They also addressed the topics of grants, classroom size, space issues, housing, scholarships and textbook costs.

We expressed that there are a lot of good things going on at UMD such as the new buildings, said Brinkman. But we also pointed out that students too often have to make the choice between fewer credits and more work hours, he said.

Meghan Keil, the President of SA, agreed.

"There are a lot of students who are having a hard time getting out in four years," she said.

Keil blames some of this on students who can only take 12 credits a semester so they can work to afford to pay for tuition.

She said one of the causes of this is that UMD doesn't band credits like some other schools do. Banding credits allows for students only to pay for up to 13 credits. Stu-

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Governor Pawlenty talking at the Duluth International Airport about remodeling the DECC in an effort to boost tourism in Northeastern Minnesota.

Pawlenty discusses new budget in Duluth

By Joel Runck
Statesman Staff Reporter

Gov. Tim Pawlenty addressed his \$34 billion budget proposal for the 2008-2009 fiscal year at the Duluth International Airport on Tuesday.

If ratified by the state legislature, Minnesota will see a \$2.9 billion increase in general state spending from the previous 2006-2007 biennium. Included in this proposal is a second attempt to pass a \$37.9 million expansion bill for the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center (DECC).

"Obviously Duluth and Northeastern Minnesota is an incredibly important strategic asset for visitors, for tourism, for our economy more broadly," said Pawlenty in his speech. "If you're going to draw in big events... if you're going to draw in tourists, you got to have modern, up-to-date facilities. The current DECC has served us well, but it's outdated."

The governor has established four sectors that will occupy the bulk of state spending for 2008-2009. These sectors include: K-12 education, health and human services, property tax aids/credits and higher education. With special revenue funds and federal aid, the total state budget is expected to be around \$55 billion, according to Pawlenty.

Despite increases in spending, Pawlenty is stressing fiscal responsibility across the state.

"We need to stop paying for good intentions and start paying for performance," he said. "People's paychecks are growing about 2 to 4 percent a year and so we don't think it's responsible to grow government drastically faster than that."

Nearly 40 percent (\$14 billion) of the proposed general budget is set aside for K-12 education, which would be a 7.7 percent increase from the previous biennium. Pawlenty explained that K-12 schools will receive a 2 percent increase in state funding and will be eligible for an additional 2 per-

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LSBE students take first place in competition

By Chin Eseonu
Statesman Guest Contributor

Three students from the Labovitz School of Business and Economics are grand champions of last fall's Business Strategy Game (BSG). They participated with more than 6500 students, according to the BSG Web site.

The Business Strategy Game is an online operations management competition facilitated by McGraw-Hill. Students were in charge of "running athletic footwear companies, making decisions concerning market distribution, employee compensation, desired brand image and other issues faced by managers in the real world," said UMD team member Sarah Fockler, a health care man-

agement senior.

This online exercise was created by a professor at the University of Alabama, and executives from GLOBUS Software Inc.; a company that creates simulation software that helps devise global competitive strategies.

Fockler teamed up with marketing majors, Jackie Claseman and Terrance Thompson to manage a 10-year-old virtual athletic footwear company that had been created by game authors. All teams were given similar



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Winners of competition from left to right: Jackie Claseman, Terrance Thompson, Sarah Fockler, all LSBE seniors, and Advisor David Hayden.

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NEWS NOW

DEAF LAWSUIT IN MINNESOTA

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Four deaf Dakota County residents are suing the State county, alleging their civil rights were violated when they weren't given American Sign Language interpreters after a mercury spill.

The lawsuit filed Friday in U.S. District Court in Minneapolis seeks damages exceeding \$50,000 for each plaintiff for emotional injuries and unspecified punitive damages.

The contamination happened Sept. 6, 2004, when two teenage boys took two quarts of mercury from a closed glass factory and began playing with it in their Rosemount neighborhood.

A parent alerted authorities, who went door-to-door to test for contamination.

Four deaf residents didn't understand, and they handed emergency workers cards requesting an interpreter.

"Some of those respondents laughed at them, threw the cards back at them," said Roderick Macpherson III, who works for the Minnesota Disability Law Center, a non-profit law firm.

The plaintiffs are Vikki Marshall, 34; Kevin Loye, 48; Gina Gist, 37; and David Stiles, 49.

Macpherson said Marshall became panicked and didn't know what was going on when her daughter had mercury dripping from her hair. For another client, Macpherson said, emergency workers handed him a slip of paper with the word mercury written on it, but the man has a poor grasp of written English and thought the message had something to do with molestation.

More than a dozen homes tested positive for unsafe mercury levels, and 49 residents had to be decontaminated in special showers. Macpherson said his clients couldn't understand why they were being told through gestures to remove their clothes.

Doug Neville, a spokesman for the Minnesota Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, said it's not always possible to get an interpreter.

MORE TROOPS IN IRAQ SAYS BUSH

WASHINGTON (AP) — A politically weakened President Bush implored a skeptical Congress Tuesday night to embrace his unpopular plan to send more U.S. troops to Iraq, saying it represents the best hope in a war America must not lose. "Give it a chance to work," he said.

Facing a political showdown with Democrats and Republicans alike, Bush was unyielding on Iraq in his annual State of the Union address. He also sought to revive his troubled presidency with proposals to expand health insurance coverage and to slash gasoline consumption by 20 percent in a decade.

Democrats and even some Republicans scoffed at his Iraq policy. Unmoved by Bush's appeal, Democrats said the House and Senate would vote on resolutions of disapproval of the troop buildup.

"We need a new direction," said freshman Sen. Jim Webb, picked by the Democrats to deliver their TV response. "The majority of the nation no longer supports the way this war is being fought; nor does the majority of our military," said Webb, a Vietnam veteran opposed to Bush's invasion of Iraq.

Republican Sen. Norm Coleman of Minnesota, also took issue with Bush. "I can't tell you what the path to success is, but it's not what the president has put on the table," he said.

Democratic Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California, the first woman to lead the House, sat over Bush's shoulder, next to Vice President Dick Cheney. Reaching out to the Democrats, Bush opened with a tribute to Pelosi and paused to shake her hand. He also asked for prayers for Democratic Sen. Tim Johnson, hospitalized for more than a month after suffering a brain hemorrhage, and Republican Georgia Rep. Charlie Norwood, suffering from cancer.

Bush divided his 49-minute address between domestic and foreign issues, but the war was topic No. 1.

ISRAEL LEADER FACES TROUBLE

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's attorney general said Tuesday he intends to indict President Moshe Katsav on charges of rape and abuse of power, a stunning accusation against the ceremonial head of state.

A final decision on the indictment, which accuses Katsav of forcing himself on his female employees for years, would be made only after he is given the opportunity to present his case. If indicted, Katsav would be Israel's first sitting president to be charged with a crime.

Katsav's lawyers insisted he was innocent and said they believed Attorney General Meni Mazuz would abandon his plans to indict him after hearing his side of the story.

"The president believes that everyone will see that he is the victim of false charges," said his lawyer, David Libai. Some of the complainants were motivated by "revenge" after they were fired, he said.

Mazuz's decision came just days after authorities launched a criminal investigation into Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's involvement in the sale of a government-controlled bank in 2005. Several other high-level politicians have also been implicated in other scandals.

The accusations against Katsav stem from complaints made by four women who worked for him during his tenure as president and, before that, as a Cabinet minister.

Moshe Negbi, a legal analyst, told Israel Radio that Katsav was the highest-ranking official in Israel's history to be indicted and the charges were the most severe ever recommended against a public official.

Katsav enjoys immunity while in office and could be tried only after his resignation, his impeachment by three-quarters of the parliament, or the end of his term, later this year. He can stop short of resigning and temporarily step down for up to three months.

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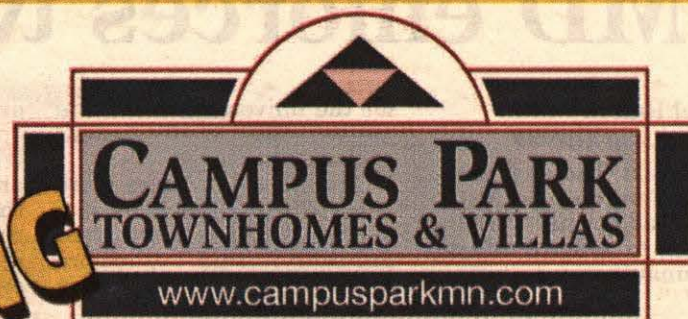
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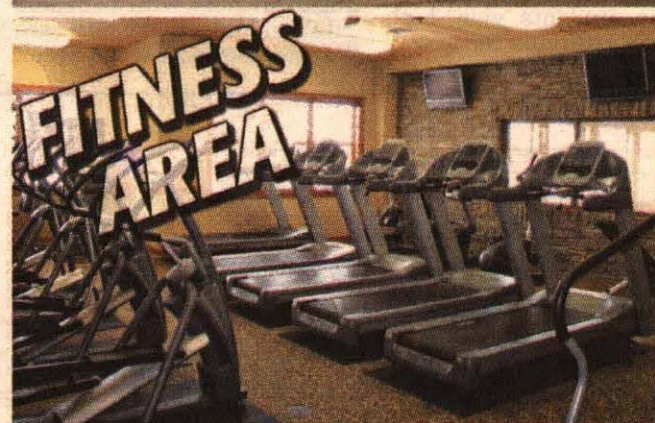
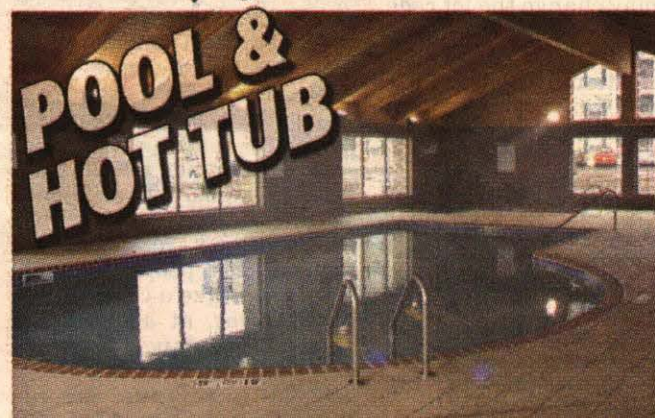


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UMD enforces two new parking tickets

By Joel Runck

Statesman Staff Reporter

As of last Tuesday, UMD Parking Services have instated two additional parking citations to enforce altered and unauthorized permit usage.

A press release by Parking Services stated that if an individual alters a permit in any way, a \$38 fine will be imposed, and the permit owner must purchase a duplicate permit if they wish to continue parking their vehicle in campus lots. While some may change the lot code on a permit, others have gone so far as to alter the permit identification number.

"There was a housing permit that was stolen, and the permit number (0-digit) was changed to an '8,'" said Parking Services Supervisor Cheryl Love. "We don't have 8000-number permits."

The second ticket is for unauthorized permit usage, which will result in a \$53 fine for those who are caught with forged, photocopied or any other type of fake permit.

Some students view both of these citations as a way

for the university to swindle more money from student pocketbooks.

"I don't think there were a lot of extra problems last year where these tickets were necessary," said sophomore Jeff Holden. "I think \$38 is extremely excessive."

In fact, Love estimates that UMD has seen about 15 incidents related to altered or unauthorized permit usage this year. However, UMD has experienced a nearly \$50,000 plummet in parking ticket revenue from 2002 to 2006.

Citation revenue during the 2002-2003 academic year was about \$130,000, while last year's revenue only reached \$82,500, said Auxiliary Services Director Joe Michela.

"Last summer we changed all the signs," said Michela referring to posting fine amounts on lot entrance signs. "When people see that, they don't take a chance."

This year, at about 4,500 tickets, Parking Services has accumulated just over \$27,500 in revenue. According to Michela, with a \$65,000 citation budget, the odds are Parking Services won't break

even this year in ticket revenue. Revenue itself is distributed in three different areas. St. Louis County and the State of Minnesota each receive a cut while UMD receives the remainder of each fine paid.

"We want this as a deterrent," said Love. "If we never issue a ticket—good. That makes us happy that at least this warning has got out there."

Altogether, both Michela and Love emphasized that the new citations are designed to deter forged permits and to guard parking spaces for paying students and faculty.

"We're not here to try to trick people into getting tickets," said Michela. "We have the obligation to protect parking for people who buy decals."

Certain students agree with Parking Services that everybody should have to pay the same price for decals.

"I had to pay the full price for my permit and so I would be really mad if somebody just made their own and they were able to get away with it throughout the whole time," said senior Jill Smith. "It's

not fair to those who do pay."

Even Holden conceded to a need for enforcement and the possibility that students may be getting away with fake passes and stealing spaces from those who do pay for permits.

"I think that's a fair price for someone who tries to make a fake pass," he said. "Even if they pay the fine, they're still getting by for less money than you had to pay for your pass in the beginning."

When Parking Services issued a press release about the new tickets, some responded with disgust by sending e-mails to auxiliary personnel.

Michela explained that the motive behind these new tickets was not to create a "police state" but to make a policy that was consistent with the U of M campus. He also added that members of Auxiliary Services met with representatives of St. Louis County that process UMD parking tickets and formulated these new citations.

Originally, these two types of parking violations were referred to the student conduct code coordinator for

additional sanctioning and were placed on permanent student records.

"I don't want that on a student permanent file," said Michela. "So we had to come up with this because people have not gotten jobs because someone is reviewing a background check."

However, UMD Conduct Code Coordinator Kathy Skelton explains that while a permanent record of parking violations will not result, the university will maintain a temporary record.

"It does not go on their official transcript, but it is maintained in their conduct code record," said Skelton. "That is an educational record kept by the university for a period of seven years."

However, if a permit is stolen, the matter bypasses Parking Services and is handled directly by UMD police.

"We're going to handle it like any theft call regardless if it's a parking permit, somebody's iPod or computer," said UMD Police Lt. Anne Peterson.

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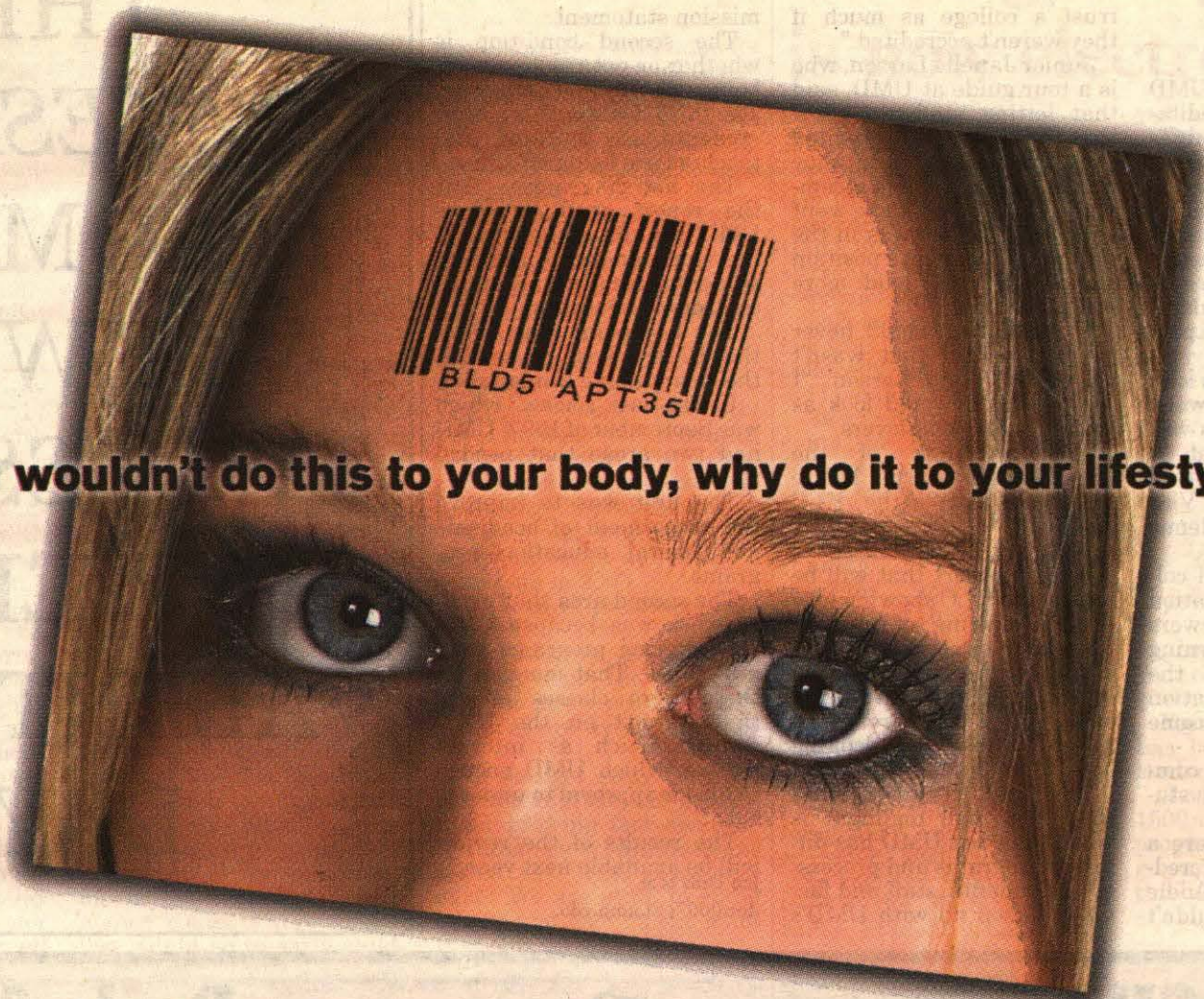
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UMD standards reviewed

By Jen Draz
Statesman Staff Reporter

Every 10 years UMD undergoes an accreditation review that determines whether UMD is being kept up to regional standards with the next review scheduled for October 2007.

Loss of accreditation means that students will not be able to keep state and federal financial aid or remain part of the U of M system.

Also, if accreditation is lost, transferring credits between other accredited schools will become something that is unlikely, according to Steve Hedman, Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Administration.

UMD is an accredited college, though accreditation can be lost after reviewers from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools come and visit.

Accreditation is not common knowledge to many students.

"I thought if they were a college they had to be accredited," said freshman Addie Nelson. "I guess I wouldn't

trust a college as much if they weren't accredited."

Junior Janelle Larson, who is a tour guide at UMD, said that letting students know that the college is accredited or not, is not something they talk about to possible incoming freshman, but if she went back to when she was in the incoming freshman's position she would have paid more attention to it.

"Personally I would never go to a school that wasn't accredited," said Larson. "I don't think it would look as good to future employers."

The procedure of the accreditation starts before reviewers from the HLC visit.

Hedman is in charge of writing a report that will be sent to the HLC showing how UMD is meeting set criteria.

Hedman said he isn't sure what is going to be included in the report which covers each of the five areas the review board will be looking at.

The first condition that the report will highlight is whether or not UMD has different programs and processes for students, staff and faculty to keep up with UMD's

mission statement.

The second condition is whether or not resources are being distributed properly. The third deals with whether students are learning and teachers are being effective.

The fourth requires that the report spell out how UMD is maintaining a learning environment to promote students, faculty and staff's continuing education.

The last point must show that UMD is keeping up with the surrounding community.

In the last review, which was September of 1997, UMD had two areas that needed work.

The first was to improve the assessment of academic and liberal education programs.

The second area that needed work was because UMD was offering programs from a distance. That means that there were classes offered that weren't on the UMD campus, such as internet classes, which UMD needed to file for approval to undergo this.

The results of the review will be available next year.

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Budget proposal education friendly Bulldog taxi program is now electronic

ST. PAUL (AP) —Gov. Tim Pawlenty, served a state budget proposal on Monday that he hoped would be just right for Minnesota.

"The budget we're unveiling will likely be criticized by the left as not enough, and criticized by some on the right as too much. I think it's about right," Pawlenty said.

He called for a 9.3 percent spending increase the largest by far of his tenure that would mostly be covered by the state's projected \$2.17 billion budget surplus, with no tax increases.

In all, the proposal calls for \$34.4 billion in state spending from 2007 to 2009, with major boosts to K-12 education and state colleges and universities, and more money for alternative fuels programs, health care reforms and roads. Property taxpayers would get some relief, and active-duty military and veterans would get a major tax break with an income tax exemption on military pay and pension.

"We were disappointed that there's no plan to implement all-day, everyday kindergarten, no plan for covering health care for all

Minnesota children," said House Speaker Margaret Anderson Kelliher, detailing several major qualms.

House Minority Leader Marty Seifert, R-Marshall, said he saw too many "plus signs" in the budget and not enough tax cuts.

Seifert said the proposal "sets you up for a session that can get done quickly but probably you're not going to have as much spending restraint as people like me like."

But the governor seemed to think it was just right; a budget proposal that steered a course between excessive spending and the austerity that marked his first term, during a time of budget shortfalls. Even Democrats called the governor's plan a good starting point, noting that they share many of the goals he laid out, especially property tax relief.

The biggest chunk of new spending, about a third of the projected surplus, goes to K-12 education programs. That includes an annual funding boost of up to 4 percent for schools, plus the possibility of another 2 percent performance bonus. Targeted dollars would go to early child-

hood education programs for at-risk kids. At the other end of the spectrum, students who take challenging classes in high school would be beneficiaries of a \$92 million scholarship fund.

The University of Minnesota and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities systems are also included in the performance sweepstakes, with new money directed to measure and improve performance in strategic areas. Colleges would also get new funding for teaching, research programs, school infrastructure and classroom technology improvements.

Cities and counties would see some state aid restored after cuts in 2003.

In both of those and other areas, critics charged that Pawlenty didn't go far enough. But the governor said too many people in government are living in a fairy tale.

"If you get away from the Capitol and ask, 'Is government growing fast enough?' I think most Minnesotans would say 'Yes,'" Pawlenty said. "We are going to stand strong and loud on the point that this is enough."

By Ali Draves

Statesman Staff Reporter

The Student Association (SA) has now made the registration process for the UMD Bulldog Taxi program electronic, making it more convenient for students.

This is a new change from last year, allowing SA to electronically verify what they did by hand last year.

"It will allow students to register easier and will also allow me to create data needed for the continued running of the program more easily," said Director Jeni Kiewatt.

Students must register for the program each semester, much like registration for classes, said Kiewatt.

"In order for us to allow only current UMD students to use the program, we must reregister everyone every semester," said Kiewatt.

To register, students need to go to the SA office in the Kirby Student Center and present their U Card. Students will then receive their own Bulldog Taxi Program Card, according to the SA

web site.

This program is made to give students a ride for \$2 per person, according to the web site. The Student Service Fee committee, a group of faculty and students, provides the money to fund the taxi program. Also, a small portion of the funding comes from the taxi company themselves.

Kiewatt is giving an update of the program's progress in two weeks to the Student Service Fee committee in

hopes of keeping it up and running for next year.

"I am also working on getting another contract set up with the taxi

companies, as our two year contract is up at the end of the semester," she said.

Kiewatt said the program has been very beneficial to students.

"Last semester we had over 1500 students register for the program and over 1000 rides given," said Kiewatt. "So far this semester, we have 322 students registered."

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Annual sled dog marathon put on hold

By Kathleen Grigg
Statesman Staff Reporter

The 25th John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon has been rescheduled for Feb. 25 due to lack of snow. The race traditionally kicks off from Ordean Middle School near the end of January.

Senior Joe Peters, an intern at the Beargrease office downtown, said the mushers are "on the fence" with the weather. Participants need a foot of snow before the trail is safe to race on.

"All the people on the board of directors and everyone connected to the Beargrease are just looking out their windows every morning and hoping for snow like little kids," Peters said.

Thirty mushers participate in the 400-mile full marathon, which starts in Duluth at Ordean Middle School, follows Minnesota's North Shore to Poplar Lake and then heads back down to finish at Billy's Supper Club about nine miles north of the start, according to the event program.

Up to 50 mushers can participate in the half-marathon.

Matt and Paula Rossi, who both work for UMD Food and Vending Services, have a kennel of 50 Alaskan huskies at home. Matt Rossi would have been racing in the full marathon, but the new date conflicts with his plans to race in the Iditerod Sled dog race, an 1150-mile race in



Photo courtesy of Gary Meinz

A team races across the snow covered North Shore last year competing in the annual John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon.

Alaska.

Matt Rossi said that before a race starts, the energy from the dogs is contagious.

"Some people say, 'You know, why do you make the dogs do that?'" he said. "You go to the start of a race and see no one's making those dogs do anything. It's cruel not to let them do it."

Paula Rossi has completed two 20-mile races, but she's less interested in the competitive side of dog sledding.

Sometimes it's fun just to go outside, she said.

"It's a whole other aspect of the sport," she said. "The sport isn't totally about racing. It's about being out with your dogs and enjoying nature together."

Every year, Paula Rossi volunteers as a dog handler during the Beargrease. There are nine checkpoints along the trail where mushers tend

to their dogs and let them rest. At eight of the checkpoints, dog handler volunteers can help prepare food and water, as well as massage the dogs and apply a soothing liniment to their paws.

The Beargrease can qualify racers for the Iditerod because it has one wilderness checkpoint where no dog handlers are allowed, meaning mushers must care for their dogs alone. This checkpoint, the Sawbill, is located over 100 miles from the start of the race, according to Matt Rossi.

Volunteers stay busy off the trail, too. Paul Dallavia runs Beargrease headquarters, as well as operating an amateur radio communication system during the race. He also spent two years guarding road crossings and dog handling for the race. He's put in more than 700 hours in the last three years, including many nights without sleep.

"Once you get involved with this race, it's really hard to let it go," he said. "It's many, many things. It can be your love for the dogs, for the race... There's a lot of actual logistics that I had no idea about until I got involved."

Two other events will remain as scheduled. The Gala Event at the Inn on Lake Superior will start at 6 p.m. Jan. 26, featuring Libby Riddles, the first woman to win the Iditerod.

The Cutest Puppy Contest is Jan. 27 at Fitgers from noon to 2 p.m. Visit beargrease.com for more information.

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"Valuable practice in making business decisions in real-world competitive conditions" was another area in which participants' skills were honed, according to the web site organizers.

"Advancement in the game was based on the accuracy of sales' forecasts, successful entry to new markets, securing celebrity endorsements, internet sales and other such variables," said Claseman.

Terrance Thompson adds that actual industry experience like his work as an associate with Merrill Lynch, similar career goals and a common competitive trait, gave this team an edge over other competitors.

"Early on in the simulation, we set the audacious goal of winning this game," said Thompson. "Finishing in first place was not something that could happen by accident, so we set out to determine what we needed to do to be ranked first and strove to accomplish that."

Fockler spoke of the challenges of coming into a company in its 10th year of operations and the demanding decision making process. Teams had about two hours in which decisions were to

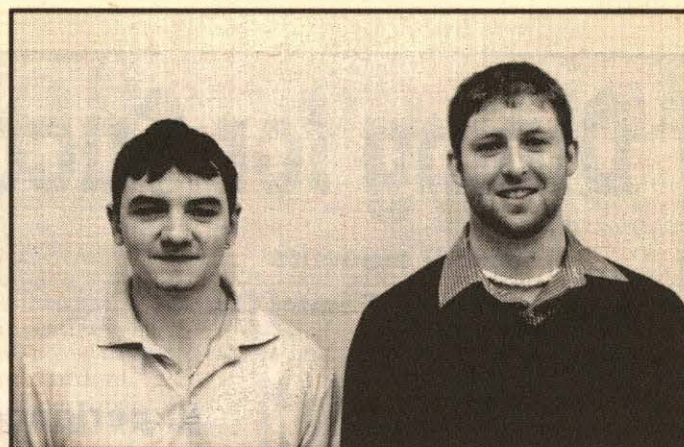
be made for the next year of operations.

"The Business Strategy Game was a great experience," said Claseman in a recent interview with the UMD website. "It brought real life experiences to further my knowledge about the business world. My group partners and I had to create a business strategy that could be flexible enough to withstand all the challenges that could/would come with the game. Overall this was a great experience that will help me with my career."

Their performance under Instructor David Hayden, has earned these UMD seniors a place in Business Strategy Game Hall of Fame.

Project description and entry criteria are provided at www.bsg-online.com.

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SA members Will Kellogg (left) and Chris Brinkman (right).

TUITION

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dents taking more than 13 credits would not be charged for the extra credits. Implementing this would cause each credit to cost more, she said, but in the long run, it would save students money.

Earlier this week Pawlenty proposed a two-year budget that would allow nearly \$1.4 billion to go to both K-12 education, and state colleges and universities, according to an AP article.

"It's tough to say," said Brinkman when asked if he thinks the testimony made an impact on Pawlenty's budget proposal. "We did our best."

Both Brinkman and Kellogg suggest the only way students can make a difference

in the cost of their tuition is if they get involved.

"Contact the person that represents you," Brinkman said. "If they know you care, maybe things will change."

Kellogg also suggested joining the Student Legislative Coalition (SLC). The SLC is a lobby organization for the students, he said. In the past, they have lobbied for the DECC expansion, the new Labovitz School of Business and Economics and tuition.

As of right now though, "tuition is the foremost issue for SLC," Kellogg said.

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cent if they achieve at least a three of five-star rating on state report cards in reading and math areas.

"There are a lot of schools that have been just chugging along at levels of unacceptable performance," said Pawlenty. "Candidly three stars is not exactly a high bar."

As for college students, if the governor has his way, \$3.2 billion will be appropriated for higher education, with the U of M and Minnesota State College and University systems receiving \$115 and \$123 million respectively.

"Include U of M Mayo research—add \$38 million to that; so it's \$153 million (for the U of M)," said Minnesota Commissioner of Finance Tom Hanson.

Health and human services will absorb about 38 percent (\$1.3 billion) of the general budget. Affordable

health care is a priority to many Minnesotans, but Pawlenty is apprehensive towards funding this sector.

"That part of the budget is just exploding," said Pawlenty. "It's growing so fast it's likely to consume most of the rest of the state budget within 15 years. That has a crowding-out effect for other things that people fight for like education."

A tax aid/credit package of about \$148 million is also on the governor's list.

"An average value home in greater Minnesota is expected to see about a 7.2 percent increase," said Hanson referring to property tax cuts.

Altogether, most (46 percent) of general budget proposal will be funded by individual income tax, while sales tax will account for about 28 percent, according

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Serial killer on trial

NEW WESTMINSTER, British Columbia (AP) — A Canadian pig farmer whom prosecutors said confessed to killing 49 women told police in a videotaped interview shown to jurors Tuesday that the allegations against him were "hogwash," yet concedes he's "a bad dude."

Robert Pickton, 56, is charged with killing 26 women, mostly prostitutes and drug addicts who vanished from a drug-ridden Vancouver neighborhood in the 1990s. He has pleaded not guilty to the first six counts. A separate trial will be held for the other 20 murder charges.

If convicted, Pickton faces life in prison. Canada abolished the death penalty in 1976.

The jurors in the most sensational murder trial Canada has ever faced began watching 11 hours of videotaped interviews Tuesday. A day earlier, prosecutors said the interviews would go on to show Pickton telling an undercover police officer that he had killed 49 women and intended to make it "an even 50" before he got sloppy and was caught.

In the interview with the

Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachment in Surrey, British Columbia, on Feb. 23, 2002, a disheveled Pickton laughs when Staff Sgt. Bill Fordy tells him he's being investigated for "upwards of 50 other disappearances and or murders."

The prosecution on Monday laid out some of the gruesome evidence against Pickton, including finding skulls, teeth and DNA of the six women in the freezer, slaughterhouse and troughs at Pickton's 17-acre pig farm outside of Vancouver.

Defense lawyer Peter Ritchie countered that Pickton did not kill or participate in the slayings of the six women. He asked them to pay close attention to Pickton's demeanor when they watch the videotapes, in particular his level of sophistication and intellect.

Investigators said Pickton and his brother David threw drunken raves with prostitutes and drugs on the family's pig farm. After Robert Pickton's arrest in February 2002, health officials issued a tainted meat advisory to neighbors who may have bought pork from his farm, concerned that it may have

contained human remains.

David Pickton, who has not been accused in the murders, told The Associated Press in December that he intended to raise cattle on the property, now surrounded by townhouses.

The first trial covers the deaths of Sereena Abotsway, Mona Wilson, Andrea Joesbury, Brenda Wolfe, Georgina Papin and Marnie Frey.

There were 10 empty seats in the 50-seat courtroom on Tuesday as some family members said they could not stomach further testimony.

Pickton, clean-shaven with a bald crown, sat emotionless in a specially built defendant's box surrounded by bulletproof glass. He carried a notebook and thick green binder which appears to carry legal documents.

If found guilty of more than 14 charges, Pickton would become the worst convicted killer in Canadian history, after Marc Lepine, who gunned down 14 women at the Ecole Polytechnic in Montreal in 1989 before shooting himself.

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Our View

In 2001, the Board of Regents completely cut ties with the State Employee Group Insurance Program, the statewide system that provided healthcare coverage to the university's employees in addition to hundreds of thousands of other state employees. The Regents instead opted for a self-insurance program that includes a feature that pays faculty members \$85-90 a year for enrolling in a physical-fitness program.

In a day of rising tuition costs, it would seem that student tuition dollars being allocated for a workout incentive may seem controversial and could infuriate many readers. The editorial board sought to examine the U's healthcare offerings and the specific feature in question.

It turns out that this program is funded exclusively by the monthly premiums of the members it serves, specifically the nearly 40,000 employees within the University of Minnesota system. Actually, the University of Minnesota's healthcare program is quite brilliant. American businesses are finding it increasingly expensive to match healthcare costs for employees and as a result are passing the

increased costs on to households.

The Regents should be commended for acting at a time when state funding was decreasing and healthcare costs were rising. Such planning has allowed for lower University costs and lower premiums for university employees.

To stay competitive academically, the U must continue to offer competitive wage and benefit packages to faculty and staff members. Doing so will continue to attract the top tier professors and researchers the University needs in its quest toward becoming one of the top three public research institutions in the country.

Moreover, the plan administrators deserve kudos for being proactive in designing preventative programs like the workout incentive program. By raising the overall fitness level of employees, the U is able to save money. Such thinking keeps these professors in the classroom, researchers at their best and overall health expenditures paid out by the program down. Faculty members who have yet to take advantage of the incentive should do so.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reader finds fault with webmail program

A UMD student recently e-mailed those of us in the Master of Social Work program to express her shock and disgust at still finding the word "blacklist" being used in the e-mail program. I hadn't noticed this, but then, I suffer from white privilege. And being white, I don't need to be aware of such daily slurs for my physical, emotional, economic and cultural survival.

So, just for the hey of it, I went to dictionary.com to see what the 21st century definition of "blacklist" is. I had hoped to find a denunciation of the term as racist, but

apparently dictionaries avoid value judgments (unfortunately, in this case).

However, the evidence was still damning. Every synonym indicates the extremely negative and prejudicial meaning of the term: suspicion, disfavor, censure, undesirable, untrustworthy and to ostracize. Carried no particular weight, we are complicit in the ongoing ostracism of African-Americans (and by inference, other people of color as well).

So, to the powers-that-be as well as my sister and fellow students: HELLO! Words quite literally shape

our shared reality. There is no excuse whatsoever for the perpetuation of racism in this way.

"Oh, I didn't mean anything by it" won't cut it anymore."

For an institution such as UMD to be insensitive in this way is both astonishing and unacceptable.

Here's what we all have the power to do, every day:

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Jasmine Phoenix

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Despite new plan, war far from over

AP—The Herald on success in Iraq:

Wishful thinking won't lead to success in Iraq

President Bush's "way forward" in Iraq the addition of 21,500 U.S. troops, \$1 billion in new economic aid and a demand for political and security progress by the Iraqis is a road paved with little more than wishful thinking.

Apparently, that's all that's left for a president who has no realistic chance to fix a disaster of his own making.

Injecting another 17,000 troops into Baghdad will mean more U.S. casualties as fierce urban warfare escalates. In his address to the nation Wednesday, Bush warned Americans to expect that. His hope is to stem sectarian and insurgent attacks and give the

Iraqi government enough "breathing room" to finally agree on how to share power and distribute oil revenue among the country's ethnic groups.

If Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's government still fails to make significant progress, Bush warned, "it will lose the support of the American people." Uh, Mr. President, that happened a long time ago. Did you notice the results of the November elections?

While it was refreshing to finally hear the president say that the U.S. commitment to Iraq is not open-ended, his continued refusal to give the Iraqis firm deadlines with tangible consequences if they're not met leaves too much room for foot-dragging.

The divide between majority Shiites and Sun-

nis who used to control the country under Saddam Hussein is deep. Without firm and quick action by Iraqi leaders, something they have yet to show, it's hard to see how a political solution can be forged in the coming months.

Vexing roadblocks stand in the way. Al-Maliki, a Shiite, is essentially being told by Bush that he must crush the fast-growing Mahdi Army, a militia controlled by the radical cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, to whom al-Maliki owes his election. Some U.S. intelligence officials reportedly believe al-Sadr's militia now has about 60,000 fighters. If he chooses to fight rather than work toward a political compromise, the war could get bloodier than ever.

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OPINION

Thursday, January 25, 2007

Traditions may differ, but results are the same

By Brooke Naland
Statesman Staff Writer

It's one of the most prevalent of the Western World's current obsessions. From Cinderella to Moulin Rouge, from opera to hip-hop music, and even most likely in your very own home, evidence of this fact is everywhere. We're addicted to it; we can't seem to get enough.

It's love, baby. You might be surprised to find that the concept of romantic love was not what it is today until the Middle Ages. Even then, this courtly love, as it was called, was mostly exclusive to relationships that were not often accompanied by sex or cohabitation and certainly not marriage?

Fast forward to today, a time and a place in which the average American sees romantic love as the determining factor in whether they will marry someone. But how important is love? And what makes us so sure we will recognize it, should we be lucky enough to stumble across it?

A cross-cultural study done in 2005, to compare arranged marriages in India to free-choice marriages in the U.S., found very little or no difference in marital satisfaction.

Surprised? Don't be. There are plenty of reasons why arranged marriages work just as well as the free-choice marriages. First of all, in different societies there are different expectations that are brought to a marriage, and in societies where arranged marriage is the norm any notion of love is that of a slow developing and enduring bond that comes as a result of growing together and sharing experiences throughout the marriage.

Americans find the idea of marrying without being in love unimaginable. Another cross-cultural study done in 1995 showed that 86 percent of Americans answered no to the question, "If

a man/woman had all other qualities you desired, would you marry this person if you were not in love with him/her?" Not only is that the highest percentage of the 11 countries surveyed, America is also home to one of the lowest percentages of people to have answered yes; only 3.5 percent.

One thing to consider is this: in societies where marriages are self-determined, a more emotionally gratifying expectation is brought to the table, that of romantic love.

But the biggest issue to consider is that of indi-

vidualism vs. collectivism. American society falls under the category of individualism, while those cultures that still practice arranged marriages are more collectivistic.

This affects not only a person's expected behavior, but it also affects how one views the world and what one expects of life. Those raised in more collectivist societies will often think more in terms of the interests of their families than of themselves, thus affecting, as stated above, their expectations of marriage. And of course, with these ideas in place, it probably feels no less natural for them to marry someone their parents have chosen, or at the very least helped them to find, than it is for someone to get married to someone they have met and chosen to marry on their own here in the U.S.

While I am not out to change anyone's mind on how or whom they choose to marry, I do think we need to realize that there is much we can learn from the principles of other societies in the areas of marriage. When you do finally decide to tie the knot, all I ask is that you truly think about the consequences ahead. Will you be satisfied with your financial status? Do you and your prospective spouse share the same values? The same idea of what a marriage should be?

These and other questions, I believe, are things that those who still continue to practice arranged marriage have in mind when choosing to, as a family, help their youth to find the marriage that is right for them. I am not asking that mainstream American society participate in this. I'm simply asking that we open our eyes and see that there are other ways of life that work as well as our own.

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Pamela Duffy/AP

Sandra Holst and Rob Murphy's wedding photo has Sedona's Red Rocks at Arizona's Crescent Moon State Park in the backdrop. Wedding parties and other groups hoping to commemorate their special event with a photograph at popular landmarks.

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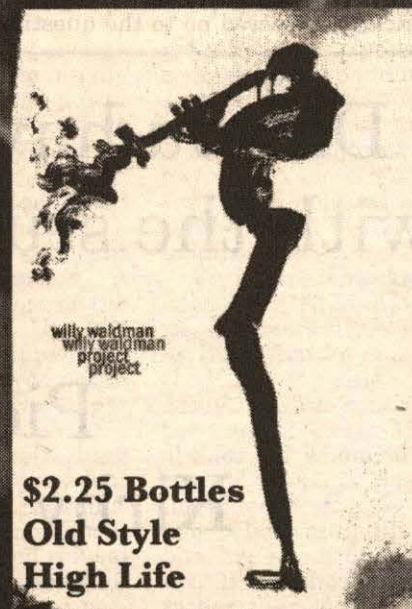
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Students filled Pizza Lucé on Friday to listen to Rhymesayers artists' P.O.S. and Mac Lethal.

Rhymesayers concert jams Pizza Lucé

By Dane Ryan
Statesman Staff Reporter

Students lined up outside Pizza Lucé on Friday night to experience the first show of the touring season for the Minneapolis native artist P.O.S. or Stef Alexander as **REVIEW** he's other-

wiseknown. The show was opened by fellow Rhymesayers artists from Doomtree, Digitata and Mac Lethal.

"I am really stoked, the crowd goes absolutely crazy for P.O.S. and Doomtree," said University of St. Thomas sophomore Dan Kaufhold while waiting for the concert to begin.

P.O.S. has enjoyed two consecutive years of topping best of year polls by City Pages and Minnesota Music Awards. He has also performed with Atmosphere on the "You Can't Believe How Much Fun We're Having Tour," as well as launching his new video for "Bleeding

Hearts Club (MPLS Chapter)" on MTV2.

The show began with Mike Mictlan, a special guest from Doomtree. He played a mixed set of old fan favorites and new music that is expected to be released on his upcoming LP album due out this spring.

"His beats were awesome, and his new music is really something people should look forward to," said freshman Kelsey Bomgaars.

Mictlan was followed by fellow Twin Cities native band Digitata. They are an experimental indie band that would be expected to hear with Cloud Cult, that was awkwardly set between Midwest hip-hop artists. This seemed like a distraction from the rest of the show and although on another night these songs might have had a warm welcome, the crowd never got into their music and anxiously waited for who they came to see.

Mac Lethal hit the stage

around midnight. He wasted no time getting the sold out crowd's attention again, and the show's high energy back where it was. His music is characterized by ironic bars and self-insulting lines that connect with the fans. Lethal's real talent lies in the speed he spits and his spontaneous freestyle that no one else on stage could match.

When P.O.S. came out, the venue went wild. His radiant energy and charisma is the reason his career has exploded the last couple years. He brings a highly involved but mostly angry aura to his rhymes which are a kickback to his punk rock past.

Overall, the performers were happy to have played a show in Duluth.

"Duluth was a perfect place to start a tour; the show was lots of fun," said Alexander.

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Late Night Kirby plans activity-packed semester

By Dane Ryan
Statesman Staff Reporter

After seeing this semester's schedule for Late Night Kirby (LNK), I decided to sit down with Bre Ward, manager of LNK to ask her a few questions in anticipation to the packed schedule they have put together for spring semester. LNK's music takes place on the third floor of the student center and usually happens on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, with some exceptions.

Statesman: LNK has some big shows this semester, including Heiruspecs and Quietdrive. What kind of strings do you have to pull to get some of these acts this semester?

Late Night Kirby: We don't have to pull too many strings to get those bands here, it is just a matter of getting them booked. Larger acts cost more, and we have a limited budget.

Statesman: In addition to some good shows, you have some cool game nights. What are you in the LNK office most excited for this semester?

Late Night Kirby: On Feb. 4, we are holding a UMD Paper, Rock, Scissors tournament with some awesome, big prizes. We have the Dating Game, on Valentine's Day, which will be a lot like the original game show. Also on Thursdays, we are going to have a few more Halo and Texas Hold 'em tournaments because they were really popular last semester.

Statesman: Do you guys get a lot of non-UMD Duluthians

at your events?

Late Night Kirby: Depends; at the bigger shows we will do more publicity. We run most shows in the Transistor, but for the bigger ones, we will do some more advertising or post the event around Duluth.

Statesman: What are some lesser bands that you think students should be excited for coming up?

Late Night Kirby: On Feb. 1, we have Halloween, Alaska. They're an indie pop band from Minneapolis. We are also excited about The Arizona show in late March. Arizona is another indie rock band from New York. We pick bands that we think the majority of UMD students will like and can enjoy, even if they don't know the bands before they come to LNK.

Statesman: Will you guys be adding any other events not already scheduled throughout the semester?

Late Night Kirby: Well, we have through March scheduled. But yeah, in addition to the typical program we plan to add a few acts at the end. We have some pretty big bands playing at the beginning of the semester, so we will probably want to end that way too.

LNK's schedule and contact information can be found at myspace.com/latenightkirby. They are always open to feedback and suggestions to make the program better for students.

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Anglers finally able to walk on water

By Eric Senst and Luke Kavajecz
Statesman Staff Reporters

Bitter cold, driving wind and frozen limbs—the usual annoyances associated with ice fishing, weren't a problem for anglers earlier this season. Ironically, it was a lack of wintry conditions that prevented many ice anglers from getting to their favorite fishing holes.

"There were terrible ice conditions earlier this year," said Chris Johnson, a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) officer. "There were a lot of guys going through (the ice), and there were two fatalities in Southern Minnesota."

As the temperatures around the Duluth area continue to plummet, ice conditions are improving rapidly. Most lakes in the Twin Ports are now equipped with a solid 16-18 inches of ice and offer great opportunities for students to get on the ice and try their luck at this unique winter sport.

Caribou Lake

This relatively small 546-acre lake is widely known for its panfish; more specifically crappies. Sunnies and perch can be caught around the breaks leading into deep water using small jigs tipped with wax worms or spikes. The crappies on Caribou may require more work. Try using an electronic fish finder in the northern part of the lake to locate suspended schools.

Island Lake

Island Lake is the largest and most renowned lake in the Duluth area. The reservoir boasts nearly 7,400 acres of water and is loaded with walleyes. However, finding them in the winter can present a serious challenge that turns many people off from fishing this structure-packed lake.

Try fishing spots anywhere between 8-21 feet of water for cruising fish.

However, anglers should use extreme caution when fishing Island. Since it's a reservoir that feeds the Cloquet River, there's a lot of current that can create thin ice—rendering areas unsuitable for driving. Areas around the dam and bridge should be avoided, as well as the pressure ridges across the main lake.

Boulder Lake

Boulder Lake is connected to Island Lake by the Boulder Lake Dam near the public access on the south part of the lake. Anglers can experience excellent walleye fishing all throughout the lake.

Some fishermen choose to fish deep around the fast breaks leading into the 18-foot maximum depth range. Others have been fishing shallow, anywhere between seven and nine feet. Small jigs and spoons tipped with rainbows and shiners will take walleyes. Sometimes a motionless jig and minnow on a bobber will outperform a jigging technique.

St. Louis River

The St. Louis River is home to a wide array of species ranging from walleyes and musky to eelpout and sturgeon. Walleyes are very hit or miss; try fishing jigging spoons tipped with minnows near the channel before dark for active marble eyes.

You can also have action fishing the middle of the channel after dark with large jigs and spoons tipped with minnow heads for eelpout. They may not be the most charming of fish, but they sure are fun to catch.

Use extreme caution when fishing the river. Some parts closer to the bay are unsuitable for walking because of strong current. Most of the upper portion of the river can support four wheelers and snowmobiles, but checking ice conditions before hand is recommended.

Fish Lake

Fish Lake is another reservoir that was created in the early 1920's when Minnesota Power dammed the Beaver River. Walleye and northern size and populations are above average for the lake class according to DNR sample data. Most anglers fish the steep drops near High Bank Resort during the winter for walleyes.

The narrows east of the bridge can also produce walleyes and northern. The ice is usually drivable as well, making choosing a spot much easier. However, use caution when driving around the bridge and dam; as in almost any body of water, soft spots can occur in these areas.

Johnson said that ice depth is the most important thing to consider when embarking on an ice fishing adventure.

"Stop at a bait store near the lake you want to fish and talk to them about current ice depths," said Johnson. "If you're on foot, you can make or buy ice picks to help you out if you fall through."

As the weather continues to remain cold, more and more anglers will be taking to the lakes and rivers around the area.

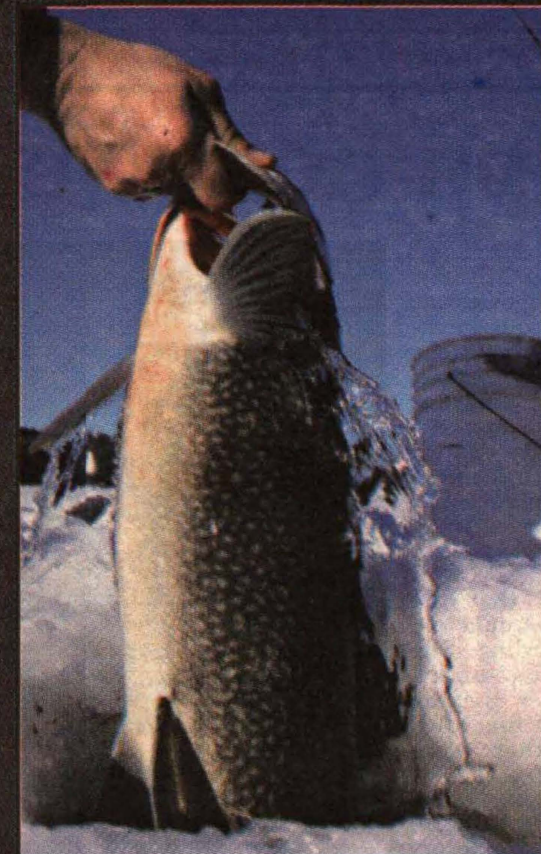
"We've had a cold snap and the inland lakes are in fine shape," said Russ Francisco of Marine General. "Now is a great time to get out there."

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Upcoming Ice Fishing Events

- The 28th annual Eelpout Festival is taking place on Leech Lake in Walker, Minn., Feb. 16-18. The event includes a five-mile fun run, polar plunge, auto race and a rugby match along with other shenanigans. A little fishing also occurs sometime during the event.
- The UMD Athletic Department is putting on the annual Big Jig Ice Fishing Contest at Pike Lake on Feb. 11. Thousands of eager anglers compete for 100 prizes ranging from a brand new car to a bucket of ice fishing gear.
- For those new to ice fishing, check out the RSOP ice fishing trip Feb. 4. Meet in the Sports and Heath Center Lobby at 10 a.m. and enjoy a fun-filled day of fishing and learn about this popular northern Minnesota sport.



Top right and bottom: A fisherman catches a lake trout that weighed in at 20 pounds in Canada.

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Thursday, January 25, 2007

UMD helps heal New Orleans

By Ted Norgaard
Statesman Staff Reporter

Forty people comprised entirely of UMD students and faculty went to New Orleans for a week at the beginning of January to help build homes with Habitat For Humanity.

For the trip planners and those who attended, summing up this experience is a hard task to accomplish. From its conception as a memo on a wall until the time the 40-member group returned to Minnesota, this trip was a massive undertaking.

Logistically speaking, to transport that many people down to New Orleans and back, lodge them, feed them and pay for other miscellaneous costs was no small task. The bill for the trip totaled over \$17,000. This figure does not include what group members individually spent during free time. Before the trip, to help ease its price burden, Phi Sigma Sigma implemented a variety of fundraisers including a spin-off of the popular TV game-show Deal or No Deal.

Sophomore Shana Secory was one of Phi Sigma Sigma's student coordinators for the trip.

"I put it together thinking it was just going to be a week that we would have to try and

get through," said Secory. "But everyone was so cooperative about the whole thing, and everyone ended up having so much fun."

From the beginning there was no doubt in Secory's mind that the trip would be rewarding. She didn't anticipate having much fun; after all they were going there to work.

"It was hard," said Secory. "Especially when everyone else was going back home to work or whatever they were doing; probably having fun. When we all got on the bus to leave, I'm not sure how many of us wanted to be there. We just knew it was the right thing to do. When we came home we were all so happy that we went."

Secory wasn't the only person on the trip whose expectations didn't correlate with their results. Sophomore Tom Kreuser wasn't really looking forward to the

group's lodging accommodations. They stayed at Camp Hope. Once an elementary school, the structure has been gutted and transformed into a dormitory-like building that houses both volunteers and those who have been displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

The group stayed in several rooms, each sleeping between 12 and 16 people. Not everyone was able to get a bed; some had to sleep on cots.

"When I heard where we were going to be staying, on

a cot in a little school that's kind of torn down, I wasn't too excited," said Kreuser. "But after a full day of work I was able to crash on a cot with no problem."

After checking into Camp Hope, the group took a guided tour of New Orleans.

"I saw it on the news," said sophomore Bruce Regan. "But it really doesn't hit home until you see it first hand. Our tour guide said that it (New Orleans) is the best it's been, she said it looked good

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PHOTO COURTESY OF BRETT GROEHLER
A group of UMD students stand in front of a house they helped construct in wake of the disaster caused by Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans in 2005.

Internship crucial to getting job

By Lisa Kunkel
Statesman Staff Reporter

The transition between college and career can be a large leap. One thing that can assist in this process is obtaining an internship and learning viable job skills that will come in handy for future positions.

There are three main internship departments at UMD that students can turn to for information, according to Elizabeth Nelson, the head of the Communication department and Communication internship coordinator.

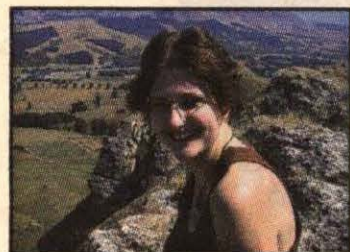
These include the Communication department, the Sociology-Anthropology department and the Labovitz School of Business and Economics (LSBE).

"Students who aren't one of these majors can go to Career Services for information," Nelson said.

The Career Services Web site is also a place students can go to find information about current internship listings. It contains valuable information about résumés and interviewing tips.

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A student's journey abroad in New Zealand



By Erin Minor
Statesman Staff Reporter

Editor's Note: Erin Minor is a junior that will be spending her next semester studying abroad in New Zealand. We are featuring a bi-column that will chronicle her

journey as a student in a foreign country. Through this article we hope readers will get a taste of what it is like to study abroad and prompt them to consider traveling, or reminisce on their own time away from home...

The most nerve-wracking thing about studying abroad isn't the applications, the fees or waiting for acceptance.

It's waiting for the plane to take off. Handing in the application to the International Education Office wasn't bad. I knew I was getting my passport and visa. The fees were

just a slight thorn in the side compared to waiting for that plane to take off.

Wait for tickets, wait for security, wait for boarding and wait to take off. Even if you feel like hurling, eat something 'cause you'll be waiting a while.

It may seem odd that a person who's never flown before is going so far away on her first travel experience.

My dream job has always been to work for a travel magazine such as National Geographic Traveler, which is why my experience abroad will definitely benefit this

career choice.

So why New Zealand?

Since my language skill is limited to English, there are only a few places I would feel comfortable living. I've already been to Canada and England didn't appeal to me, because while I adore English authors, I think I would much rather just visit.

I heard about New Zealand from some friends who studied there last year. They came back with amazing stories and pictures. Besides, Lord of the Rings (LOTR) was filmed here. As a self-respecting LOTR fan, how

could I not go?

The classes I qualified for all fulfill my major requirements, which is important as a junior. Also the cost of the program was covered by my financial aid.

So here I am, sitting in Denver waiting for my flight to Los Angeles. Then it's the final 12 hour flight to Auckland, New Zealand. The adventure has begun.

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"I think internships are incredibly important," Nelson said. "It's just as important when a student comes in unhappy with their internship. The benefits are learning what you want to do and knowing what you don't want to do."

Nelson also said that internships are great ways for future employers to learn about students, which can lead to good letters of recommendation.

"A supervisor can say things a professor can't," she said. "They can comment on your work ethic."

Marty Sozansky, the department of writing internship coordinator, also had advice for students about internships.

"I sometimes encourage students to do more than one internship," Sozansky said. "It makes all the difference on a résumé."

With most internships students receive college credits, however, some are paid positions.

Sozansky said that their program places about 10-20 internships a year.

"We have interns who have gone on to be employed with the company," she said. Internships are a great way to get a foot in the door when it comes to employment.

"It's almost required for your résumé," Sozansky said.

And for some majors an internship is not an option, but mandatory. The Criminology department requires all students to partake in an internship during their academic years, according to the UMD catalogue.

"I think it's going to be a wonderful opportunity," sophomore, criminology student Matt Koppes said.

Internships allow students to get hands-on experience in their field of interest.

"The purpose of internships is to polish your skills," Sozansky said.

She also said that intern supervisors aren't necessarily looking for students who are great at the position, but those who are prompt and enthusiastic about learning how to do the job well.

"Be aggressive about what you're doing," she said.

However, many internships require the student to be in their junior or senior year. Both spring and fall internships are usually available as well as summer opportunities.

Sozansky said that the best time to do an intern-

ship is when it best fits your schedule and you know you can do your best work.

Students have the option to do a one, two or three credit internship, depending upon the number of hours worked per week, according to the Department of Composition Web site.

"There is a whole array of benefits that students experience from participating in an internship," said Duane Kaas, the director of business internships at UMD. "Most frequently mentioned is the new people you meet. You may develop friendships as well as future business contacts."

Approximately 150-160 students within LSBE enroll in one of the internship courses each year, according to Kaas.

"Many business organizations post their career and internship opportunities on their respective webpages," he said.

Kaas said that students are encouraged to apply for internships via the internet and also do some "detective work" since most information is not readily available on the web.

"Visit with business professionals to gain some knowledge about the types of positions available," Kaas said. "The old tried and true approach is the people you know. Develop networks and use them."

Kaas also advised students to attend career and internship fairs for information. The University of Minnesota Job and Internship fair is being held Feb. 12 at the Minneapolis Convention Center where all students are invited to attend.

"Planning well ahead for an internship opportunity is advisable," Kaas said. "I suggest students planning for a spring or summer internship begin the preceding October when the fall semester starts."

Kaas said that many organizations have recruiters on college campuses in the fall searching for "new talent" to join their organization the following summer.

"Some professional experiences are seasonal such as the tax season for accounting majors. For students wanting this type of experience, this is when they will want to schedule an internship and plan to do so in advance," he said.

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compared to what it had been."

On their first day of work, the group was separated into several groups according to experience and jobs they would or could do. Their work day started at around 7:30 a.m. and went until about 3 p.m.

When given the choice, freshman Katie Elton steered away from assignments that involved being on the roof. She didn't want to fall off.

"I would prefer not going on the roof, and I didn't," said Elton. "I would have done it, but I didn't have to."

Instead of going up high, Elton stayed on the ground mainly working on raising the foundations of three different houses. The job wasn't easy, but Elton describes it as her favorite part of the trip.

"I really like mixing the cement and pouring it into the cinderblocks," said Elton. "We poured the 80-pound bags of dry cement and water into wheelbarrows and mixed them together. Then we brought the wheelbarrows over to where they were needed and poured them in. It was tiring but everyone seemed pretty lively because

we were all having a lot of fun."

Down the road at a different house Kreuser and Regan were both assigned to do roof work.

"When we got there basically the walls and the floors and everything were up," said Regan. "We had to put up roof trusses and then put the decking on the roof."

Like much of the group, Regan and Kreuser had little to no experience with the work they were doing.

"They trained us pretty well," said Regan. "They also found a couple of people with experience to help us out."

At the end of the workday the group had some free time in which they spent in a variety of different ways. Some nights they stayed at Camp Hope and played games. Other nights they went to downtown New Orleans, Bourbon Street and the French Quarter.

"When we went down to the French Quarter we tried to hit every restaurant we could," said Reagan. "The food was amazing. Creole cooking is amazing."

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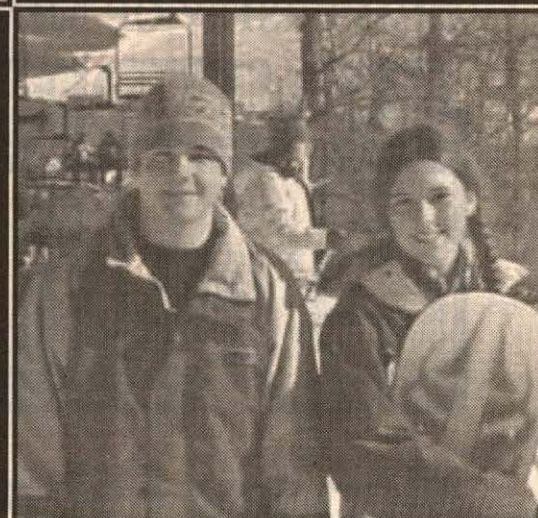
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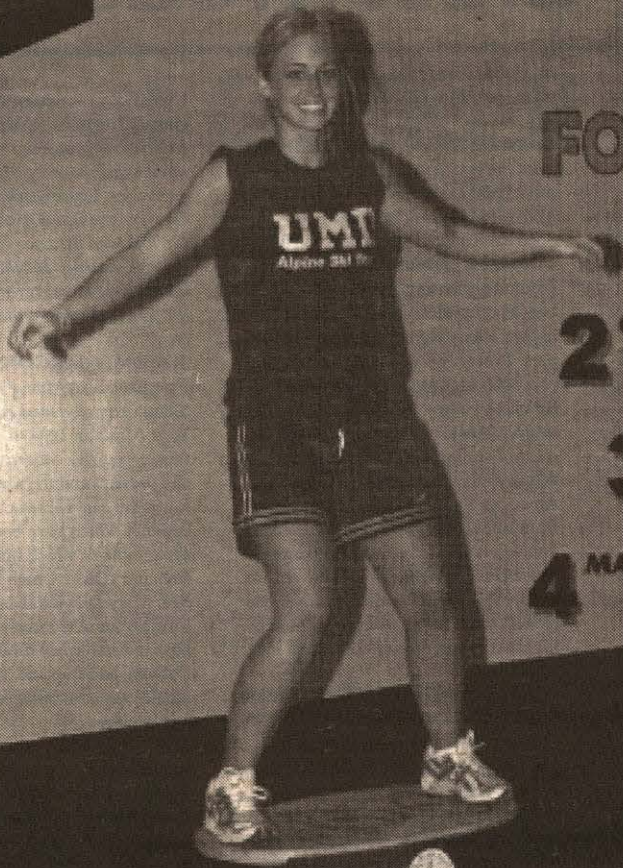
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Sunday, February 25, 2007 - The Winds of Change!, UMD Concert Band and Symphonic Wind Ensemble perform music that has changed wind band repertoire over the past 20 years. Weber Music Hall, 3:00 p.m. - \$6/\$5/\$3

Tuesday, February 27, 2007 - Faculty Artist Recital: U3 Trio Concert - Jean R. Perrault, violin; Betsy Husby, cello; and Jeanne Doty, piano, play compositions by Brahms, Kodály, Haydn, and Handel-Halvorsen. Weber Music Hall, 7:30 p.m. - Free

UMD Theatre is proud to present: HANDING DOWN THE NAMES by Steven Dietz, Directed by Tom Isbell - February 8 - 11 & 14 - 17, 2007, 7:30 p.m., except Sunday at 2:00 p.m. All performances are in the Marshall Performing Arts Center at the University of Minnesota Duluth. Call 218-726-8561 to purchase tickets.

A poignant play on the immigrant experience. Playwright Steven Dietz (10 November, Foolin' Around with Infinity) follows seven generations of family, chronicling their journeys from 1766 Germany through Russia, Ellis Island, and finally the plains of eastern Colorado. A heart-breaking account that spans three continents and two centuries, written by one of America's most widely produced contemporary playwrights.

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January 25th, Noon, The Rafters

- Alworth Institute International Brown Bag. Annalisa Henderson, Managing Editor for "Global Insight," an international, web-based business information service, and daughter of Alworth Institute Director, William Henderson, will give a presentation on the former Soviet Republic of Georgia: **GEORGIA: LAND OF CONTRASTS**

Drag Show at Main Club in Superior, WI benefiting UMD Cruden-Riggs GLBT Scholarship. 9pm, Saturday, January 27th. \$3 cover/door prizes and raffle. 1217 Tower Avenue, Superior, WI. Must be 21.

The UMD School of Fine Arts presents

International Film Series: "PARADISE NOW" Sunday, February 11, 2007 - 7:30 PM, Weber Music Hall, Free admission. Two childhood friends are recruited for a suicide bombing in Tel Aviv. When things go wrong, they must decide for themselves the truest path to take. From the most unexpected place, comes a bold new call for peace. Winner of the Golden Globe for Best Foreign Film of the Year, this presentation is made possible with funds provided by UMD Chancellor Kathryn

A. Martin. For further information, please call 218-726-8561.

Upcoming films of the International Film Series: April 15, 2007 at 7:30 pm - "MOTORCYCLE DIARIES"
McKnight Fellow Presentation Scott Laderman, Department of History, will present "A World Made Safe for Discovery: Surfing, Surf Culture, and U.S. Foreign Relations" on January 26 in the Library Rotunda from 3 - 4:30 p.m. Professor Laderman, recipient of a 2006 McKnight Faculty Summer Research Fellowship, will speak on the subject of McKnight project: the water sport of surfing as a cultural practice deeply embedded in the politics of American foreign relations. Drawing from a new book project, his presentation will address the ways that surfing and surf culture have, for well over one hundred years, intersected with the rise of the United States as a global power. Light refreshments will be served.

"GETTING READY FOR THE JOB FAIR" Workshop sponsored by UMD Career Services - Jan 29, 2007 at 5-6 PM in SCC 42 OR Jan 30, 2007 at 4-5 PM in SCC 42. Learn how to get the most out of the upcoming Job Fairs, including: • What to do ahead of time • Proper attire • Making a good impression • Questions to ask • What to do after the Fair
Tours of the UMD Library are being offered the week of January 29th. The tours will point out collections and resources that students may not be aware of, as well as architectural features. Learn about the TV room, where to reserve a study room, where the new PCs are, where the bestsellers are, where the best places are for quiet study, where the librarians offices are (for in depth help with your projects), where the old journals are, where the microfilm is, how to borrow DVDs, where the newspapers are, and the location of the all-important Reference Desk.
Four times: **Monday, January 29th, 2pm to 2:30pm - Tuesday, January 30th, 5pm to 5:30pm and 7pm to 7:30pm - Wednesday, January 31st, 9:30am to 10am**
The tours will meet in the library lobby under the Chihuly glass sculpture.

University for Seniors Journey Jargons & Lectures - Winter 2007
Journey Jargons feature slides and personal experiences of trips taken by University for Seniors members and guests. Lectures cover a myriad of topics and are followed by a question and answer session. Journey Jargons and Lectures are held on Mondays at 11:30 AM. They are free and open to the public.

JOURNEY JARGONS

February 5 - "Africa" - Rafters. Sharon Kemp visited Northern Ghana in West Africa in 2004 to study native culture, especially concerning slavery past and present, and the peoples' behavior toward it. She witnessed spiritual ceremonies which have been performed for ages, some of which involved voodoo.
February 26 - "Umeå Sweden" - KPlz 311. Mary Dragich lived in Umeå, Sweden for nine months. She and her husband also spent time in Stockholm, Dalarna, and Lapland. Photographs will include the countryside, folk school, and architecture.

LECTURES

January 29 - "Merritt v. John D. Rockefeller" - Rafters. Grant Merritt, grandson of Alfred Merritt, co-discoverer of iron on the Mesabi Range, will relate a series of events that led to the Merritt's landmark lawsuit against John D. Rockefeller. In what is arguably the most sensational court case in St. Louis County, the Merritt brothers lost their case and surrendered their holdings in six mining and iron companies. Grant Merritt, a UMD graduate, is a Twin Cities attorney and the former head of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

February 12 - "Twin Ports Television, the Early Years" - Rafters. Robert "Bob" Ball is among the earliest anchormen in Twin Ports television. His recollections of the trial and error period, the struggles to overcome considerable technical difficulties and fumbling of management combine to make a fascinating account.

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A final farewell to Chancellor Martin

By Amy Forsell
Statesman Staff Writer

Dear Chancellor,

May 12, 2007 the day I don my little kite hat and graduate from UMD. It is the last time I will set foot on UMD's campus as an undergraduate; it is the last time I will have the opportunity to look around and find something to complain about. I'll be out of your Mrs. Doubtfire hair. First, let us take a walk down Memory Lane...

Freshman year: I lived the life all underground, freshman sewer rats relish in going back to bed after 8 a.m. classes, pasta bar day at the DC, the Bookstore's Sidewalk Sale where all your Christmas shopping is over in 20 minutes of "40 percent off" madness.

Sophomore year: In Goldfine Hall, roommate with

a messy eating disorder, major-changing and walking uphill in sub-zero weather. This year I joined an on-campus group and spent my days passing out condoms and preaching about safe sex. When I think about it in detail, though, Condom Man is pretty gross.

Junior year: *Statesman*, here I come. It was during this year that I wrote my first letter to you, Chancellor. I lived off-campus, took the bus to class for free and ate way more Taco John's than even Taco John would want to know about. This year I realized how many things about UMD irk me to the greatest extent of irkness: the gumball machine, the stupid coffee shop, the huge sculpture in the library that will fall on me if I stand under it too long, the bing-ban-

gin' construction noises and the food court.

Senior year: Still making Mr. John my personal chef and ready to get the hell out of this joint. Second year as the Humor editor for the paper, and I keep the letters to you coming with no response.

Super senior year: This is where I'm at right now. This is the last



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semester I will spend in Doo-looth. Thank you, sweet Cheesus.

This is the semester I moved back on campus and into Stadium to share a living space with a Swedish exchange student my fiancé has openly said he wants to have sex with. I'm moving out next week, Chancellor. The next time you see me, I'll be wearing a judge robe and a Forrest Gump smile. I hope that all our time together — and by "together" I mean you hiding from me in your office — has given you some things to think about. I hope that in my own, snotty way I've encouraged you to think hard about the things you choose to plop down at UMD to entice new students (hint: I don't think any incoming freshman chose UMD

for the rad artwork); I hope you think about coming out of your cave and mingling with us kids once in a while; I hope you consider the fact that having construction zones appear around the school more frequently than open parking spots tends to piss people the hell off.

In all other respects, Chancellor, I think you've done well with this school. I think you're swell. And, with that said, I bid you a fond farewell.

Salutations,
Amy Forsell

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Letters to People

By Eric Simon
Statesman Staff Writer

Dear Justin Timberlake,

Over winter break from UMD, I took a few moments to catch up on all the pop culture I missed the past few months. During this time, I found out that you were making a valiant effort to bring "sexy back."

Dude, what? Am I missing something? Did sexy go somewhere? Were there years where people sat around going "Hey remem-

ber sexy things like Playboy magazine and women wearing shirts that showed outrageous amounts of cleavage?" Did Morgan Freeman, that sexy MF, cease to exist for a few years?

I mean honestly every time you put out a CD you go on TV and brag about how you're doing stuff that will revolutionize the music industry, and then you put out another N'Sync CD but leave the rest of the band out of it so you can take all the cash, that's kind of mean.

Did people stop having sex and by bringing sexy back did Sir Justin Timberlake save the world's population as man was about to go extinct?

So Justin next time you decide to bring something back make sure it's gone first. Your next single should be something like I'm bringing Zoobas back. Give yourself a challenge.

Sincerely,
Eric Simon

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TOPTEN Classes UMD Should Offer

By Tyler Domaas
Statesman Staff Writer

10. Sexology: Become an expert in the only subject that matters
9. Chuck Norris 101: Roundhouse kick to the face
8. Trash-talking: Expand your vocabulary on hurting people's feelings
7. Pick-up lines: Stop getting played by her and start getting laid by her
6. Advanced sarcasim: Really, do I need to say more?
5. Drinking Games: Train to be the best
4. BAC 101: Tips and tricks to beat the breathalyzer
3. Sport Statistics: Perhaps the greatest class ever
2. Moonshine: Create your own successful business
1. The Female Language: Learn exactly what the hell they are saying

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puzzles

Sudoku #1

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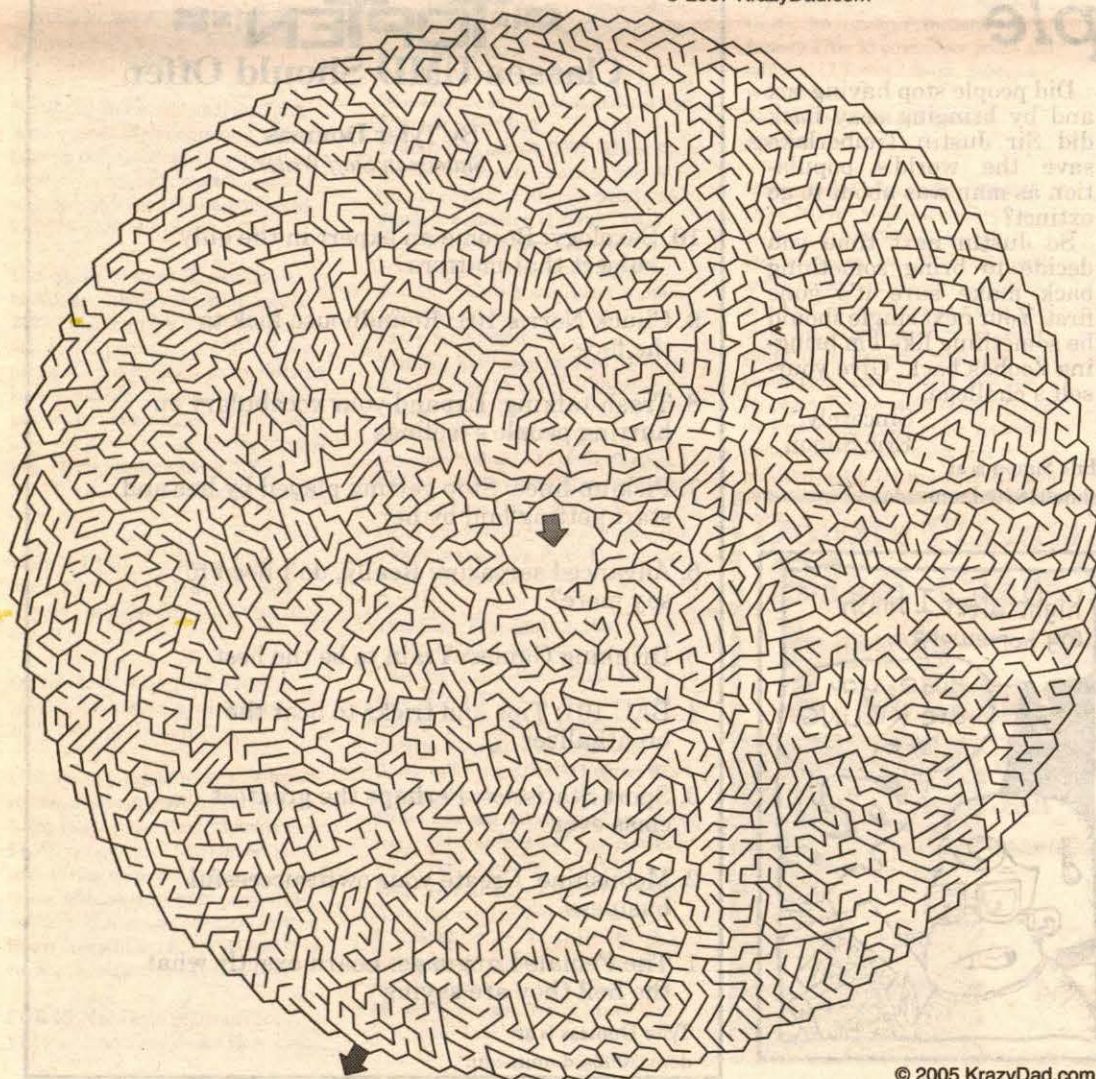
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Sudoku #3

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Answers

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Answers

Sudoku #3

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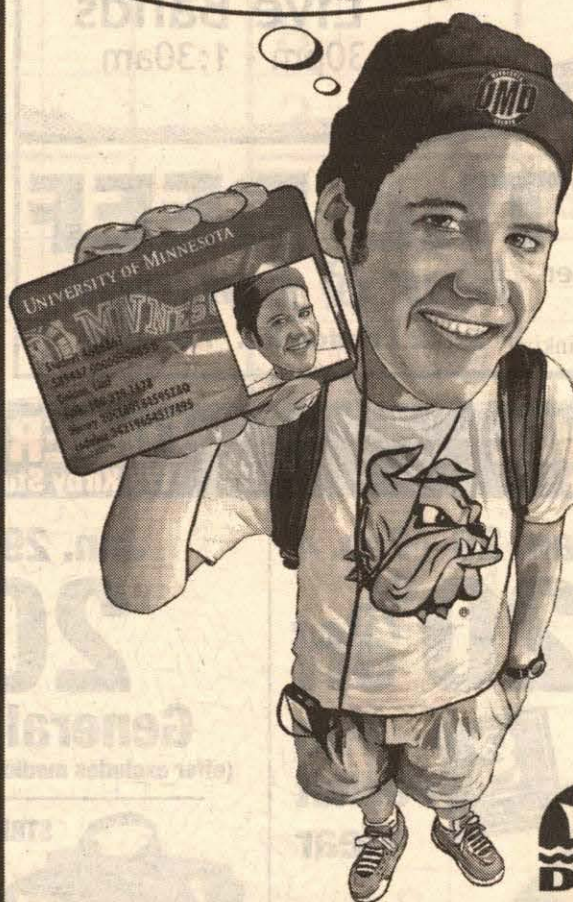
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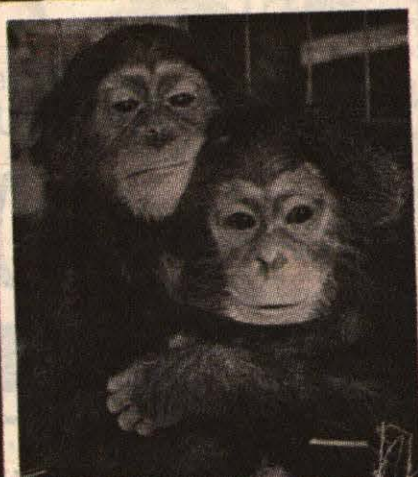
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Sincerely,

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RESEARCH SHOWS THAT MOST STUDENTS WHO SAY THEY'LL QUIT SMOKING AFTER COLLEGE CAN'T.



BASKETBALL

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"I thought we played very well," said Holquist. "We were ahead in the game and had every opportunity to win. We just didn't get it done. We played at a good level; we just didn't make a few plays at the end."

Two days later the Bulldogs dropped a similar game to the St. Cloud State University Huskies at the Romano Gym. The Dogs were up on the Huskies with a minute left to play but again lost to a team they haven't beaten in the last seven conference match-ups.

"From that game on I think we lost confidence in our play," said Holquist.

Indeed, the loss in confidence was partly responsible for the next three losses to Augustana, Nebraska-Omaha (UNO) and St. Cloud State.

"We did some good things but did not play at the level we were playing at [before]," said Holquist. "It's really a struggle for the team. The guys are questioning themselves right now. This team has great character, and I know we're going to get this thing turned around."

The Bulldogs compete in the toughest region around. This year it has really taken a toll on the team, characterized by such a "rapid decline in confidence," said Holquist.

The lacking defensive poise in first half play is apparent, where the Bulldogs have been outscored in six of their last eight games. But the defensive woes don't stop there: UMD is last in the NCC giving up 85 ppg. St. Cloud is second giving up 79 ppg.

The offense has been running well all season, scoring 72 ppg which is good for fourth in the conference, one of their bright spots during their current dark streak.

"We're still out-rebounding our opponents," said Holquist.

The team grabbed 15 and 14 offensive rebounds versus UNO and St. Cloud State, respectively.

"Offensive rebounds are hustle plays. We're playing hard and playing together. We're seeking out good shots," said Holquist. "We're just not playing good defense; we're tentative."

The Bulldogs will be looking to end their streak before the conference race is over on Thursday in Romano Gym at 8 p.m. against South Dakota.

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BREAKTHROUGH

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had calmed down.

Smith sees the significance of their upcoming meeting, and dreams of a day when two black coaches in the Super Bowl won't be seen as such a big deal.

"That day is coming some day," Smith said. "Of course, we're talking about it now. It's not here now."

The Super Bowl in two weeks will be rife with stories about first times and big breakthroughs. Colts quarterback Peyton Manning finally made it, rallying his team from 18 points down in a scintillating 38-34 victory over New England. The Bears are a great story themselves, making it back to the Super Bowl for the first time since the 1985 season, and doing it with a blue-collar work ethic engendered by their third-year head

coach.

The Smith-Dungy coaching angle figures to get lots of play between now and kickoff on Feb. 4.

Freed from the pressure of preparing for their respective title games, the coaches opened up on a subject that has long been close to their hearts.

Also important to these coaches is the fact that they've done it their way—shown they can succeed without yelling and swearing, and without sacrificing their families or their faith.

"I think as you look to young coaches coming up in the ranks, a lot of us have a picture of how a coach is supposed to be, how he is supposed to act," Smith said. "And I think what Tony Dungy showed me is you don't have to act that way."

The task of balancing out the racial numbers, of course, is far from finished.

With Tomlin's hire, there are now six black head coaches in the NFL still one fewer than at the start of the 2006 season after the firings of Art Shell in Oakland and Dennis Green in Arizona. The college numbers are less impressive; of the 119 Division I-A jobs, only seven were held by black men as of late last month.

"It's important to point out that not as much progress is being made in college coaching," Gordon said. "And we also need to pay attention to the graduation rate of black football players and black athletes. You have to look at the full picture. Not just who's coaching, but who's playing, who's graduating and who's going onto bigger things."

Like Gordon and Smith, Dungy also hopes that someday, the things making news this week won't really be news at all.

There have been times,

though, when he wasn't sure it was possible. That was well before the NFL instituted the so-called "Rooney Rule," which requires teams to interview at least one minority candidate before making a decision.

Though Dungy got interviews, some turned into farces such as the one where they recommended Dungy lose the beard, or another where they told the lifetime defensive assistant that they were looking for an offensive expert with head coaching experience.

"I scratched my head at that one," he said, knowing he'd been brought in as nothing more than the token black candidate. "When you would get questions like that, you could see some people were concerned with things that weren't really related to football. You could see we had a way to go."

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Wild two points out of first in division

By Tajen Stockdale
Statesman Staff Reporter

Going into the All-Star break, the Minnesota Wild find themselves just two points out of first place in the Northwest Division. The Wild currently sit in third place with a 25-20-4 record trailing Calgary and Vancouver in the tightest division in the NHL.

After starting the season with a 6-0 record, the Wild hit a rough stretch losing Marion Gaborik to a groin injury for 34 games. Since returning to the lineup, Gaborik has done nothing but help his team with seven goals in his last six games, including three, two-goal games.

Manny Fernandez had been playing very well for the past month before suffering a mild knee sprain in a loss to the Dallas Stars on Saturday. In his previous 10 starts, Fernandez went 7-2-1 with 1.94 goals against average.

Minnesota's stellar play at home has kept the Wild in the playoff run and in contention for first place in the Northwest Division.

The Wild are 17-5-3 when playing at the Excel Energy Center and have won only eight games on the road.

As of late, that trend has been reversed with the Wild

winning their last four road games after losing their previous eleven and losing their last four games at home.

Minnesota's last two victories both came against the Chicago Blackhawks. The most recent being a 3-0 shutout, which completed a season series sweep for the Wild. Fernandez was hardly contested during the game stopping only 24 shots for his second shutout of the season and 13th of his career.

Gaborik scored the first and third goal of the game with Stephane Veilleux scoring in between Gaborik's two goals.

The Wild last played on Saturday in a shootout-loss to the Dallas Stars. Minnesota has dropped their last five games against the Stars.

Niklas Hagman scored for Dallas with a one-timer half way through the first period. There would be no more scoring until the third period when Mikko Koivu tied the game with 6:55 left in regulation.

Both teams were scoreless for the rest of the third period and in overtime, which led to a shootout. In the ninth round of the shootout, Dallas took the win after Stu Barnes slipped the puck passed Niklas Backstrom.

Pascal Dupuis had the puck knocked away by Dal-

las goalie Mary Turco on the Wild's final shootout attempt. With that save-sealing victory, Turco became the Dallas Stars' all-time leader with 161 career victories.

Backstrom entered the game early in the first period after Fernandez injured his knee. He allowed one goal just three minutes into his time in net but shut the door on Dallas for the rest of the game until the shootout.

Backstrom was very impressive stopping 22 of 23 shots. The Wild will not play again until Friday against Calgary, and it has not yet been announced whether Fernandez will be out for an extended period of time. Backstrom's strong performance will come as solace for many Wild fans.

After playing in the NHL for 11 years, left wing Brian Rolston will make his first appearance in the All-Star game as the sole representative for the Minnesota Wild this season. With Marion Gaborik out, Rolston has been the only true leader for the team throughout the season. Rolston has played extended minutes in every game this season and is the leading scorer for the Wild with 23 goals and 18 assists.

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Men's Hockey

Over the winter break the men's hockey team compiled a record of 4-6 overall and 2-6 in conference play.

The Bulldogs started off with a losing series to Minnesota State Mankato. UMD traveled out to Ohio for two games taking

a loss to Ohio State and winning a close game against Bowling Green. After earning the win over Bowling Green, the Bulldogs began their longest winning streak of the season with four in a row.

The Dogs swept Michigan Tech in two games winning 2-1 and 5-3.

UMD ended their winning streak taking a 4-3 upset win over #14 Colorado College. Colorado College came away with a win the next night to split the series.

UMD last lost a series to Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) rival #4 St. Cloud State last weekend.

Leading the Bulldogs this season in points is Mason Raymond with 31 points (10 goals and 21 assists). Behind Raymond is Matt Niskanen with 24 points (8 goals and 16 assists).

Playing the majority of the time in net, Alex Stalock has amassed 545 saves with a .885 save percentage in 22 games.

The Bulldogs have their next WCHA series against #5 Denver on Feb. 2 and 3 in Denver.

Women's Basketball

After winning eight games in a row, the Bulldogs came to the shakiest part of their season breaking even with five wins and five losses during the winter break.

Michigan Tech put an end to the Bulldogs' winning streak on Dec. 22 defeating the Dogs 74-62.

A week later the Bull-

dogs suffered another loss to Northern State 60-47.

Since the two losses in a row, the women have gone back and forth the past seven games winning four and losing three.

The Bulldogs are currently 12-7 overall and 3-2 in the North Central Conference (NCC).

Leading the Bulldogs are Alissa Pauly and Katie Winkelman with an average of 34.2 and 31.7 points per game, respectively.

The Bulldogs next opponent is NCC rival South Dakota. The game starts at 6 p.m. in the Romano Gym.

Women's Hockey

The #7 ranked Bulldogs had the most success out of all varsity sports here at UMD over the winter break.

Since Dec. 9, the women have not lost a game.

On Jan. 6 and 7 the Bulldogs played their last non-conference series against Niagara finishing with a tie on Friday and a win on Saturday.

Since then, UMD won a series with St. Cloud State and Bemidji State.

The Bulldogs have accumulated a 15-7-2 overall record and are 14-5-1 in the WCHA.


Leading the Bulldogs with 29 points (15 goals and 14 assists) is Jessica Koizumi. Right behind Koizumi, is Noemie Marin with 28 points (14 goals and 14 assists).

Riitta Schaublin and Kim Martin have spent the most time in net and have compiled impressive .925 and .950 save percentage, respectively.

The Bulldogs will travel to Columbus, OH to take on Ohio State on Jan. 26 and 27.

Bulldog Rundown





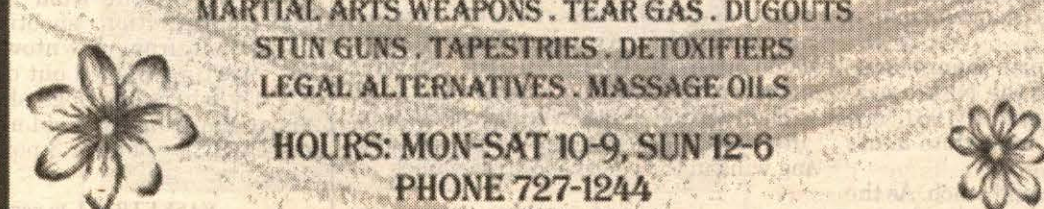
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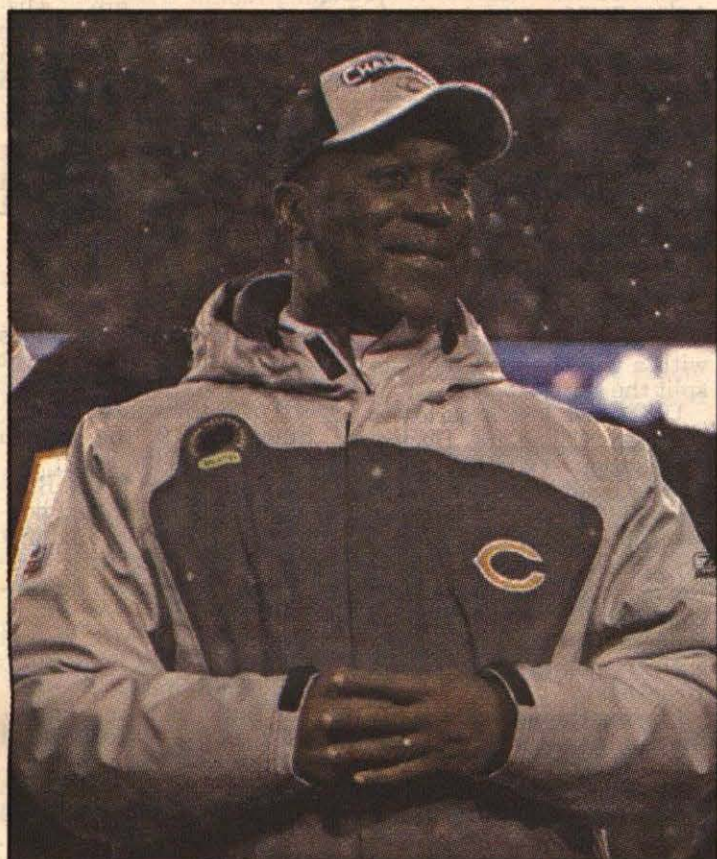
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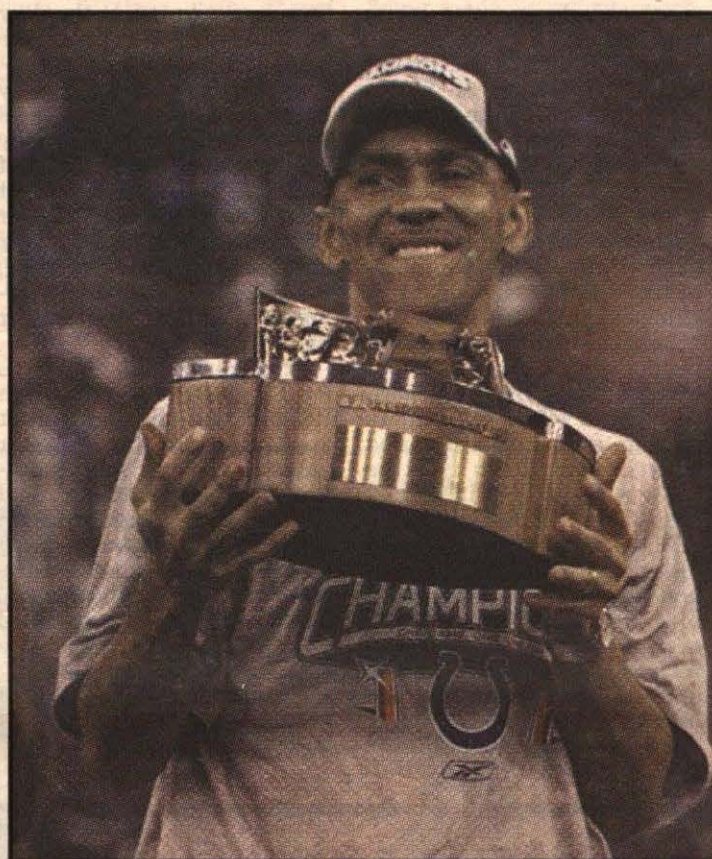
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Lovie Smith (left) coached the Bears to a 39-14 victory over the Saints to advance to the Super Bowl. Tony Dungy (right) led the Colts to the big game after defeating the Patriots 38-34. This is the first time in history that an African-American will coach a team in the Super Bowl, which means this will be the first time that an African-American coach will win a Super Bowl.

Two coaches make breakthroughs

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — When Tony Dungy began his climb up the coaching ranks, one potential employer asked if he'd be willing to shave his beard "because people were looking for a certain kind of person."

In most cases, that person wasn't him, or any other black coach, for that matter.

Indeed, Dungy has come a long way since those formative years. So has the NFL.

The leader of the Indianapolis Colts awoke Monday as a Super Bowl coach one with a rapidly growing legacy. In two weeks, he'll face one of his proteges, Chicago's Lovie Smith, for the league championship. They'll be the first black head coaches to pace the sidelines in the NFL's biggest game.

"I've been thinking about my generation of kids who watched Super Bowls and never really saw African-American coaches and didn't think about the fact that you could be a coach," Dungy said of the black kids who grew up in the 1960s. "Hopeful-

ly, young kids now will say, 'Hey, I might be the coach some day.' That's special."

Also significant was that Monday, another of Dungy's former assistants, Mike Tomlin, was hired as the first black head coach of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

"It's an unbelievable feeling for me," Dungy said.

The president and CEO of the NAACP, Bruce Gordon, conceded that he didn't even realize Tomlin was black until he saw the coach's picture in the newspaper.

"I said, 'Wow, he's black,'" Gordon said. "And the story wasn't about another black coach being named, it was just about another coach being named. In some respects, I look at that as being a best-case scenario."

It was also part of a plan Dungy envisioned when he entered the NFL coaching ranks as an assistant in 1981, one of maybe 15 black men in a white man's profession.

He quickly proved he could coach. As the years went by, though, he realized what

a strange equation the NFL had when it came to race.

The players, with the exception of quarterbacks, were largely black. They were coached almost exclusively by white men, and their teams were run almost exclusively by white men.

It didn't so much frustrate Dungy as it motivated him.

He vowed that if he ever got his chance, he'd try to get young, black coaches into the pipeline, and when the chance finally came when he became head coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 1996, Dungy quietly went to work.

Herm Edwards and Tomlin, who are black, and Rod Marinelli, who is white, are among the current head coaches who came out of the Dungy pipeline. Smith is currently his most successful protege.

The two spoke late Sunday night, well after the celebrations of their history-making wins in the conference title games

Better defense could be the answer

By Pete Carpenter
Statesman Staff Reporter

"Man, it's been forever since we've had a win," said UMD Men's Head Basketball coach Gary Holquist.

He isn't kidding. The team has lost seven of their last nine games and six in a row, starting their 2006-07 North Central Conference (NCC) schedule with a dismal 0-5 record.

"Conference play is a sprint, not a marathon," said Holquist.

The Bulldogs' record doesn't tell the complete story, however. The team handily beat host Concordia-St. Paul back on Dec. 29, and Holquist knew his team was right on track. But, a bad loss at the hands of Southwest Minnesota State left the Bulldogs wondering where their game had gone.

"Through November and December we played at a really high level," said Holquist. "I really thought that we had things where we needed to have them going into the conference."

The Bulldogs opened their conference schedule in early January with a heartbreaking double overtime loss at Minnesota State Mankato (18-1, 4-0 NCC).

Senior, forward Bryan Foss led the team with 21 points shooting, 8 of 19 for a team whose offensive capability remains constant. The Dogs out-shot the #5 Mustangs 53 to 48 percent from the field in regulation, shooting 58 percent from downtown. But, overtime played out differently when the Dogs shot 29 percent from the field and missed all five of their 3-point attempts.